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Graduate Student Council

Minutes

13 September 2007

Present: K. Jones, R. Vonck, M. Colacicco, C. Seibert, B. Morrison, Y. Lee

Absent: N. Flint

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Meeting Commences: 8:30a.m.

Agenda for 9/13 approved.

Minutes from August meeting approved.

I. President's Report

- 1) K. Jones made council introductions.
- 2) K. Jones has nothing to report from GEC due to the committee's involvement with confidential student issues
- 3) K. Jones has received complaints from faculty who were not specifically invited to the New Student Orientation picnic. Remember to personally invite faculty next year.

II. Old Business

- 1) Health Insurance
 - 1. K. Jones reports that health insurance cards are on their way, but all students are now all covered. If any questions see Janet Anastasi in GEO.
 - 2. Morrison commented that she spoke with Dean Metcalf and that all students, regardless of where their stipend comes from, are covered by the new health insurance program.
- 2) New Student Orientation
 - 1. K. Jones asked council members for feedback, all members thought it had gone well.
 - 2. C. Seibert mentioned that MPS faculty were missing due to concurrent APA conference.
- 3) Student Taxes

with a CPA on September 27th.

tions to GEO to give to the CPA and has also received more There are 10-12 students definitely interested so far. Remind

4) Secretary

1. Council approved revolving secretary schedule

III. **New Business**

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- 1) Formal Student Grievance Process
 - 1. Y. Lee suggested K. Jones give explanation prior to voting to form a formal grievance process.
 - 2. K. Jones explained that the grievance process is an official action a student can take if they have an issue with other students or faculty. There is an idea to form a subcommittee under the GEC that will consist of 50% faculty and 50% students.
 - 3. K. Jones and M. Colacicco will look into formal grievance processes at other institutions.
 - 4. Vote is tabled until further notice.
- 2) Amendment V approved.
- 3) Amendment VI approved with stipulation that a point of contact for the unrepresented program be established.
- 4) Amendment VII approved with stipulation that conference calling will be allowed.
- 5) Graduate Student Fall Picnic
 - 1. K. Jones asked council if all members are interested. Y. Lee and B. Morrison in definite favor of having the picnic this year.
 - 2. Date set for Sept. 29th from 11am-3pm. K. Jones will reserve pavilion.
 - 3. Departments responsible for:
 - 1. NES ó drinks
 - 2. EID ó sides
 - 3. MPS ó dessert
 - 4. PMB/Path/MCB ó Paper products
 - 4. B. Morrison volunteered to bring grilling tools.
 - 5. People need to bring things for games.
 - 6. Council agreed to plan for ~50 people.
 - 6) Website/Newsletter
 - 1. C. Seibert will contact Rob Clark (current webmaster for GSC site) to gauge interest. If he no longer wants to be involved, K. Jones offered to update website.
 - 2. B. Morrison requested all info for newsletter be turned into her no later than 10/10 for publication on 10/15.
 - 3. R. Vonck will take over as editor-in-chief for the winter newsletter.
 - 7) Meeting times
 - 1. Meetings will be held first Thursday of the month at 2pm in room B3079.

9:22am Meeting adjourned

